

REMARKS

The office action dated 6 Oct. 2008 requires the following restriction between claims 2-4, 6, 11, 12, 18-20 and 62-64.

- I. Claims 2-3, drawn to a system for clamping including a bendable elbow.
- II. Claim 4, drawn to a system for clamping including knurling on the a ball.
- III. Claim 6, drawn to a system for clamping including a twist off lock mechanism.
- IV. Claim 11, drawn to a system for clamping including a solenoid.
- V. Claim 12, drawn to a system for clamping including a threaded plunger.
- VI. Claims 18 and 20, drawn to a system for clamping including a length adjusting unit.
- VII. Claim 64, drawn to a system for clamping including a crib configured to specifically support an aircraft frame and to conform specifically to the complex shape of an aircraft skin.

Claims 2-3 is provisionally elected. Therefore, claims 2-3 and linking claims 62-63 should be examined.

The restriction requirement of claim 64 is respectfully traversed. No reasons for restriction are presented. No showing of undue burden is made. Thus, a prima facie case of restriction of claim 64 has not been established.

Moreover, a substantial burden of examining claim 64 is unlikely. Search results for claim 62 will also cover claim 64, since both claims recite a crib and a chain of interspersed coupling units and force applying units.

Examination of claims 2-3 and 62-64 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any outstanding issues prior to mailing another office action.

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